Executive Proclamation
State of South Dakota
Office of the Governor

Whereas, The state of South Dakota recognizes and appreciates the contributions of American Indian artists in the cultural life of our community and joins with the First Peoples Fund in honoring the recipients of the 2007 Community Spirit Awards; and,

Whereas, The Community Spirit Awards represent the significant role American Indian artists play in tribal cultures, as cultural bearers, healers and keepers of traditional wisdom; and,

Whereas, The recipients of the award, nominated by their own tribes and chosen by a respected panel of tribal and cultural leaders, are recognized for their leadership, generosity, responsibility for the well being and preservation of their culture, as well as for their artistic excellence; and,

Whereas, The state of South Dakota hereby acknowledges the contributions First Peoples have made to this country and state, from ancient to present times and through tribal legacies that embody the essence of community spirit:

Now, Therefore, I, M. Michael Rounds, Governor of the state of South Dakota, in recognition of this important event to honor the significant contributions of all tribal cultures and in particular the artists who are the recipients of this award, do hereby proclaim December 2, 2006, as

COMMUNITY SPIRIT DAY

in South Dakota.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Twenty-first Day of November in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Six.

M. Michael Rounds, Governor

Attest:

Chris Nelson, Secretary of State